

## The Three Wise Men

ONE Christmas mystery remains unsolved. Who were the wise men of the East—the magi who followed the star of Bethlehem from afar to do homage to the new-born Saviour?

It is fair to assume from the fact that the visitors were received at court by King Herod and that they carried gifts of value that they were in their own country men of royalty or close to it. Herod evidently deemed it well to treat them with deference, for disquieted though he was to lead them to the birthplace of the Redeemer he dissembled and told them that when they had found the new born he would return to worship with them.

Much of our information about the early days of the Christian era comes from the monks of the fourteenth century, who delved deeply into historical sources since lost to the world. Their story of the three wise men has received wide credence. According to these monks, the wise men were three great kings called Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Caspar was the oldest and from the North. At the time of the birth of Christ he was sixty years old, and for more than two-thirds of that time he had ruled in Arabia. Balthasar was black, a native of Saba, from the East, and forty years old. The youngest was Melchior, from the South, whose country was Tarsish. He was twenty years old.

Impelled by some mysterious power, they dropped all the cares of the state and followed a single star thirteen days and nights, without eating or sleeping, till it led them to Jerusalem.

Then the story follows that of the Bible until they returned to their own countries.

The story does not stop here. It tells circumstantially the after life of the three wise men. The good Apostle St. Thomas journeyed to their country and baptized them, and all three went out to preach the doctrine of the Christ.

They were slain by barbarous gentiles, and later the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, recovered their sacred bones and took them to Constantinople. Thence they were carried to Milan and finally found an ultimate resting place in Cologne, where they now are.—New York Post.

### Deer's "Velvet" Horns.

A deer's new horns are called "velvet" because they grow inside of a tough skin which is coarse and brown, like plush. For a long time he will not thrust his horns into the brush.

### Big Land Deal

Another important land deal was consummated in this county, the first of this week, when Drew Vardell acquired title to 5,754 acres of very fine land lying in Clay township, this county, known as the Graham tract. The sale was made by the Union Trust Co., of St. Louis, and Mr. Vardell went to the city Monday night, and closed the deal and the transfer was made.

The land beginning directly east of Crauth at the old Hickory Landing road, extends south to the Arkansas state line four miles south of Hornersville. None of it is in cultivation and the entire tract is heavily timbered.

Bragg & McKay and Dr. Paul Baldwin are associated with Mr. Vardell in the deal and they will put the land on the market at once in tracts of 40 acres and up. This land will be sold at reasonable prices and an abstract of the record will be furnished each purchaser.—Kennett News.

### State Alien Land Law

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 12, 1917.—State land reclamation Commissioner, E. H. Bullock, has called attention of the Missouri Council of Defense to a state law forbidding ownership of land here by aliens, and suggests that those claiming exemption from military service as aliens should have their real estate rights investigated.

### Hot Meals on the Wing.

Since the only practical way by which the passengers of an airplane can have a hot drink or hot food is through the use of a vacuum bottle or jar, the idea has been suggested that the manufacturers of aircraft would do well to build into their machines a number of pockets or small cases for vacuum bottles, so that the latter, filled with pre-heated food, could be carried in safety.—Scientific American.

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## BRASHER'S SODA SHOP

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A girl was asked to parse the word "kiss" and this was her result: This word is a noun, but it is usually used as a conjunction. It is never declined and is more common than proper. It is not very singular, in that it is generally used in the plural. It agrees with me.—Ladies' Home Journal.

### With Dickens At Christmas

He Made Yuletide Real Again

BEFORE the Christmas heart I muse alone, And visions of the past, both grave and gay, Rise from the ruddy coals; Outside the moon Of homeless winds is children by the lay, Sweet sung by children who keep holiday, Making the season's mood their very own. And slowly, while I gaze and dream and grow Less lonesome, do the sights and sounds of earth Fade, and my fancy wanders to and fro With a great master of lament and mirth, Who waved his hand to gild the long ago.

A wondrous company! Misadventures In spite of poverty, and Little Nell, Too frail a flower, travels her weary miles, Then falls on sleep, and David tries to tell The trials of the young; how Pickwick's spell Makes laughter easy; do a pinnacle Of sacrifice sits Carlton midst war's sales.

Drolls, villains, gentlefolk of all degrees, Make populous the air a hundred strong, Last comes, as fits the season, Scrooge, his hands bent A-tremble, till he harks the Christmas song, and once are wrong, And how that charity is more than these.

Master of human hearts! No Christmas tide, whose chants are not the sweeter and whose cheer he long abide, Is not more blessed since Dickens lived and died! The savor of his teachings makes each year Richer in kindly virtues, doth endear Man unto man; hence, shall he long abide.

Richard Burton.

### Million and Half Troops

Approximately 1,500,000 soldiers have been safely transported by the railroads since August 1, according to an announcement by the Railroads' War Board.

A half million of these men made journeys necessitating overnight travel and have been moved in tourist or standard sleeping cars.

The one of the long hauls, 8,000 men were transported from a camp on the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast, a distance of 3,700 miles. The men traveled in sixteen sections, each section consisting of 12 tourist cars and 2 baggage cars.

In order to centralize the furnishing of sleeping cars at most convenient points for use in transporting soldiers, the Pullman Company has changed the supervision of supply and movement of these cars from headquarters of the company at Chicago to Washington, in close touch with military authorities, enabling them to supply furnish cars at points needed.

As a result of this cooperation between the government, the railroads and the Pullman company, half a million soldiers have been spared the discomforts of making long train trips in day coaches.

To assure the safety of the men in transit, the railroads have adopted an average speed of 25 miles an hour for all troop trains, except when they have freight cars, which are needed for the transportation of equipment, and then they are reduced to a speed of 20 miles an hour.

### Land Prices Advancing

Missouri newspapers are doing a mighty fine service in boosting the advantages of this state as a truly desirable place for investments and for families desiring homes on the farm. Real estate in Missouri is advancing already in many communities, and a practical boom of the substantial sort has already started in this section.

The Burdens of Life. Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.—Dr. Johnson.

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